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Gloria Blue/ Andrew Stephens United States Trade Representative 600 17th Street NW Washington, DC 20508

> Re: File (X-116) Voestalpine Stahl GmbH, Linz, Austria Exclusion Requests

Dear Sirs:

This electronic non-confidential filing is made on behalf of Voestalpine Stahl GmbH ("Voestalpine") a steel producer in Linz, Austria in response to your email of yesterday requesting further information on the "special color" of the Hot-Dipped Bonderized Commercial Quality in Coils corrosion-resistant products which is the subject of an exclusion request of November 13, 2001.

We can advise that this bonderized material possesses a uniform smooth surface and is dull dark grey in color. Attached please find copies of two letters submitted to USTR on November 28, 2001 from Steel Source International Corporation and MSI supporting our request for exclusion and providing information on the "special color" and surface uniformity.

Should you require any further information from us at this time, please contact Gail T. Cumins, Sharretts, Paley, Carter and Blauvelt, P.C., attorneys for Voestalpine Stahl at (212) 425-0055.

Sincerely,
Sharretts, Paley, Carter & Blauvelt, P.C.
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